

President E. L. "Tuffy" Matthew brought the 112th Annual Meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association to order at 1:15 p.m., Feb. 21, 1981 at the Las Animas High School, Las Animas, CO. The junior Cattlemen led in the Pledge of Alligance.

Rev. John Blinn, President of the Las Animas Chamber of Commerce gave the welcome to Las Animas.'

The minutes of the 111th annual meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

First Vice-President, Dr. Jim McMillinn reported on membersip. A membership drive was held Tues. through Fri. before the annual. Without all of the membersips collected, on the drive, ther were 12 LM, 214 Bent-Prowers, 210 CCA, the NCA was not available, but there are 4 new NCA memberships from the drive. Corwin Brown will be the new membership chairman. McMillin called for all Bent-Prowers members to help on memberhsip. He brought up the challenge that Bent-Prowers needs to be the largest Association in Colorado again. The San Luis Valley is presently ahead. McMillin pointed out that all members are welcome to attend the annual meeting, directors' meetings, and are asked to bring information, problems and other items to the attention of the Board. The money for dues is well spent on legislation for the betterment of the cattle industry and savings in taxation.

President Matthew introduced guests; Bruce McClosky of the Game and Fish, Senator Ken Clark, CCA President Jim Suckla, and representatives of the Federal Land Bank and Production Credit Association.

Southeast Colorado Cowbell President Mildred Wollert gave a month by month report for 1980. She reported on the work done for Beef Promotion during the year. Their queen is Mrs. Evelyn Blackburn.

CCA President Jim Suckla of Cortez spoke on problems of the Brand Board and their financing. There is now a bill before the legislature to change the brand inspection fees from what they are now up to \$.35 and up to \$.75 on Brand assessment. The Brand Board wants each district to pay their own way.

Suckla pointed out that through law suits against the large food chains, the producers have established a bad relationship with the people who market their beef. The NEA does not support these law suits. There is a national need for better relationship with marketers and money to finance advertising and research to promote beef.

Proposed changes in the beef grading system were explained. The object is to lower grades for leaner meat by feeding 90 to 100 days instead of 130 to 180 days, thereby reducing weight from 100 to 150 pounds per animal.

Suckla discussed the pros and cons of Sagebrush Rebellion.

Sen. Ken Clark addressed the group asking for their support of Mike Higbee for a second term on the Colorado Wildlife Commission.

Hew Hallock of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association stressed the need for more numbers as far as memberships.

Harold Yoder of the CCA Board of Control, Dr. Baxter Black the speaker for the evening banquet, and Jack Hall, Prowers County Assessor spoke to the group.

Corwin Brown presented the proposed Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Endowment Trust. Brown pointed out that the principle dollars will never be touched and at such time that it's existence shall end, all money and assets will be given to a similar organization, possibly CCA. Brown asked members to consider in the future to think about giving items such as parcels of land, etc., to the Endowment Trust.

Following the reading and discussion of the proposed trust, Clyde McEndree moved to adopt the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Endowment Trust. It was seconded by Robert Keenan. Passed.

Jim McMillin as upcoming president nominated E. L. Matthew for a five (5) year term. Seconded by Lew Mathews. Passed.

Ken Clark nominated Narvey Larrew for a four (4) year term. Seconded by John Givan. Passed.

El L. Matthew nominated Corwin Brown for a one (1) year term. Seconded by Lew Mathews. Passed.

Lew Mathews Nominated Clyde McEndree for a three (3) year term. Seconded by Joe Autry. Passed.

Jim McMillin nominated John Smartt for a two year term. Seconded by Corwin Brown. Passed.

The six men will be the Trustees for the Endowment Trust.

Pres. Matthew called upon Director John Smartt to present the revised set of by-laws. Following Smartt's presentation, there were changes made. Jim McEndree moved to change Sec. 17 to read with quorum present. Robert Keenan seconded. Clyde McEndree moved to amend Jim's amendment to delete special meeting from Sec. 17. Delbert Wallace presented another amendment to the amendment. All motions were withdrawn. Jim McMillin moved to amend Sec. 17 to state (1) delete special meeting, (2) to include a quorum present and (3) a notice be given to the general membership at least 30 days in advance that there will be a proposed change. Wootten seconded. Passed.

Bill Wootten moved to adopt the Constitution and By-Laws as they now read. Robert Keenan seconded. Passed.

Smartt then read the policies. Changes and corrections were made.

Loren Schleining presented the Junior's Cattlemen's report. The new advisor is Steve McEndree. Officers are: Delane Creech - President, Hans Hasser - Vice President, Julie Hasser - Sec. Treas., Loren Schleining - Calf Chain Sec., Darren and Troy Stephens as Historian and reporter. Directors for one year are Stacy Bezona and Bruce DuVall. Directors for two years are Rex Koehn and Kim Yates.

First Vice President Corwin Brown presented the resolutions.

1. Opposition to any Government Acquisition of Land - Ken Clark motioned to change it to read "land, minerals and other resources. Clyde McEndree seconded. Passed. Jim McMillin motioned to adopt the resolution. Narvey Larrew seconded. Passed.

2. Renumeration for Pasturing Wildlife - Following discussion Bill Wootten motioned to adopt. Narvey Larrew seconded. McEndree asked to have it read again. Defeated.

3. Opposition to changes in Community Colleges - Following discussion, changes were made. Joe Oswald motioned for approval. Narvey Larrew seconded. Passed.

4. Beef Grading Changes - Joe Oswald motioned for approval. Lew Mathews seconded. Passed.

5. Futures Market System - Joe Oswald motioned for approval. E. L. Matthew seconded. Passed.

6. Establish Brand Districts in Neighboring States - Delbert Wallace motioned for approval. Narvey Larrew seconded. Passed.

7. Ogallala Depletion Allowances - Following discussion, Lew Matthew motioned to withdraw the resolution. Neil Davidson seconded. Passed.

8. Creation of Private Range Livestockman of the Year Award - Bill Wootten motioned for adoption. Lew Mathews seconded. Passed.

9. Reappointment of Michael Higbee to Colo. Wildlife Commission. - Mick Mendenhall motioned to adopt. Seconded by Narvey Larrew. Passed.

10. Memorial to Deceased Members - A moment of silence was given in honor of those no longer with the association.

11. Thank you - Narvey Larrew motioned to accept. Jim McEndree seconded. Passed.

D. J. Schleining, immediate past president, presented the nomination committee's nominees for the 1981 year. The following were submitted:

Officers

President - Dr. Jim McMillin
1st Vice President - Corwin Brown
2nd Vice President - Leland Barnes
Secretary Treasurer - Rebecca Larrew

Directors

George Blackburn
Ken Clark
Ed Dean
John Givan
W. T. Hughes
Joe Kasza
Gene Keenan
Narvey Larrew
E. L. Matthew
Lew Mathews
Clyde McEndree
Warren McKitrick
Dean Nichols
H. H. Mendenhall
Gary Rehm
Wm. E. Rose
D. J. Schleining
John Smartt
Bill Sparks
Bill Wootten

Schleining motioned to accept the nominations as read. Lew Mathews seconded. Passed.

Director Bob Morrison discussed the sales of project animals at the small fairs. Some of the problems facing the young people trying to show. The point was made that parents buying expensive cattle for their children are part of the problem, when not all of the participants can afford the expense.

Lew Mathews motioned for adjournment. Brown seconded. Passed.

215 people attended the evening's festivities held at St. Mary's Catholic Hall in Las Animas, CO. Following the famous punchbowl hour and dinner, R. Kelly Jackson and George Blackburn were presented Honorary Life Memberships. Dr. Baxter Black was the featured speaker. Auctioneering for the CCA Endowment Trust, CCA President Jim Suckla raised \$235.00. Auctioneering for the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Endowment Trust, Ken Larrew raised \$2015.00. E. L. Matthew was presented a hat as outgoing president.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca S. Larrew
Secretary

Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association

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OFFICERS

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1981 BUDGET

BENT-PROWE'S CATTLE CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

BUDGET

Dues & memberships.....	\$ 200.00
Reward signs.....	\$1,000.00
Secretary salary.....	\$1,200.00
Memorials - CCA.....	\$ 100.00
Gifts & awards.....	\$ 150.00
Postage.....	\$ 100.00
Telephone.....	\$ 100.00
Office Supplies.....	\$ 75.00
Cattleguard adv.....	\$ 300.00
Local adv.....	\$ 400.00
Punchbowl.....	\$ 200.00
Annual Printing.....	\$ 100.00
Entertainment.....	\$ 500.00
Meals for press.....	\$ 100.00
Annual banquet.....	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 500.00

TOTAL

\$6,025.00

PROJECTED-INCOME

Memberships.....	\$3,000.00
Interest.....	\$ 300.00
Signs.....	\$1,400.00
Punchbowl donations.....	\$ 200.00
Annual Banquet.....	\$1,600.00

TOTAL

\$6,500.00

This budget was prepared by Director William Wootten and
Secretary-Treasurer Rebecca S. Larrew.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

OPPOSITION TO ANY GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION OF LAND

WHEREAS, different Government entities keep trying to acquire more privately owned land, minerals and other resources for public use, and

WHEREAS, when private land, minerals and other resources are taken for Government purposes it comes off the tax rolls,

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association go on record as being opposed to any more acquisition of private land, minerals and other resources by any government entities.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

OPPOSITION TO CHANGES IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES

WHEREAS, there is a strong local need throughout the state to maintain the community colleges on an academic and vocational level, and

WHEREAS, the students from the rural agricultural communities cannot afford the additional expenses of the larger four year institutions.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association go on record as supporting a small college formula to be presented to the Colorado Joint Budget Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

BEEF GRADING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the National Cattlemen's Association is instituting and recommending a change in the beef grading system that will be more compatible to the consumer,

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association go on record in support of this beef grading change.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

FUTURES MARKET SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the National Cattlemen's Association is attempting to change the futures market system as it is presently being operated, that makes it a speculative market rather than a true market evaluation method,

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association go on record in support of the changes in the futures market system as recommended by the National Cattlemen's Association.

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RESOLUTION NO. 5

ESTABLISH BRAND DISTRICTS IN NEIGHBORING STATES

WHEREAS, Colorado has a proven and workable brand law that is effective in the control of livestock theft, and

WHEREAS, our neighboring states, Kansas and Oklahoma, which border Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, do not have any effective brand laws, and

WHEREAS, this makes it very easy for livestock stolen from livestock producers of this area to be transported to these states without fear of being caught and prosecuted,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association requests that the Colorado Cattlemen's Association contact the state cattlemen's associations of both Kansas and Oklahoma and offer its assistance in establishing brand districts along the common borders of Colorado with these states that would have brand laws similar to those of the State of Colorado.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

CREATION OF PRIVATE RANGE LIVESTOCKMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

WHEREAS, the Colorado Cattlemen's Association recognizes and honors the Federal Range Livestockman of the Year, and

WHEREAS, this reflects honor upon the recipient, his local association, and the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, and

WHEREAS, this is a valuable public relations tool, now therefore let it be recognized that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association supports and commends this policy.

HOWEVER, it should also be recognized that much of Colorado contains no Federal Rangeland, and many ranchers and their respective local associations have no opportunity to compete in this competition and share the rewards and recognition by their peers and the general public,

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Colorado Cattlemen's Association establish a duplicate award for the Private Range Livestockman of the year.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, Michael K. Higbee, of Carlton, a member of this organization, has nearly completed one term on the Colorado Wildlife Commission, and has served diligently and judicially in representing the plains area, and has been a moderating force in the dealings between the Wildlife Commission and the Cattlemen, WE THEREFORE DO HEREBY RESOLVE that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association recommend to the Honorable Richard Lamm, Governor of Colorado, that he reappoint Michael K. Higbee to serve another term on the Colorado Wildlife Commission.